

# Adult Tobacco Survey 1

## Fall 2000 Survey Results

*Pierce County*

**First, I have some questions about your health. Would you say that in general your health is. . .**

n = 493

Excellent	26.9%	(± 4.5%)
Very good	37.9	(± 4.8)
Good	26.6	(± 4.4)
Fair	6.5	(± 2.2)
Or poor	2.0	(± 1.2)

**During the past 3 months, on how many days did you stay in bed for more than half the day because of illness or injury?**

n = 488

None	83.0%	(± 3.8%)
One day	6.1	(± 2.3)
More than one day	10.9	(± 3.2)

**About how long has it been since you last visited a DOCTOR for a routine checkup?**

n = 492

Within the past year (1-12 months ago)	76.9%	(± 4.2%)
Within the past two years (1-2 years ago)	13.5	(± 3.5)
More than two years ago	9.5	(± 2.9)
Never	0.1	(± 0.3)

**About how long has it been since you last visited a DENTIST for a routine checkup?**

n = 491

Within the past year (1-12 months ago)	73.3%	(± 4.4%)
Within the past two years (1-2 years ago)	10.2	(± 3.0)
More than 2 years ago	16.5	(± 3.6)
Never	0.1	(± 0.1)

**Next are a few questions about your health care coverage. Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including health insurance, prepaid plans such as an HMO, or government plans such as Medicare?**

n = 492

Yes	87.9%	(± 3.2%)
No	12.1	(± 3.2)

\* Estimates based on sample sizes less than 75 omitted

***Among those with health care coverage:***

**What type of health coverage do you use to pay for most of your medical care? Is it coverage through. . .**

n = 428

Your employer	44.5%	(± 5.3%)
Someone else's employer	20.8	(± 4.3)
A plan that you or someone buys on your own	12.6	(± 3.5)
Medicare	13.2	(± 3.3)
Medicaid or Medical Assistance	1.5	(± 1.0)
Other	7.5	(± 2.9)

***Are you currently. . .***

n = 493

Employed for wages	53.7%	(± 4.9%)
Self-employed	7.6	(± 2.7)
Out of work	4.9	(± 2.1)
Homemaker	10.0	(± 2.7)
Student	4.9	(± 2.7)
Retired	17.4	(± 3.6)
Or unable to work	1.5	(± 1.0)

**Now, I would like to ask you some questions about your personal history of tobacco use. Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life? NOTE: 5 Packs = 100 cigarettes**

n = 491

Yes	46.7%	(± 5.0%)
No	53.3	(± 5.0)

***Among those who ever smoked 100 cigarettes:***

**Do you now smoke cigarettes every day, some days or not at all?**

n = 233

Every day	37.3%	(± 7.3%)
Some days	5.6	(± 3.2)
Not at all	57.2	(± 7.3)

***Among every day smokers:***

**On average, about how many cigarettes per day do you smoke? NOTE: 1 PACK = 20 CIGARETTES**

n = 82

**average:** 17.6 (± 3.5)

**Current cigarette smoking prevalence:**

n = 491

(every day or some day smokers among the whole population)	20.0%	(± 4.2%)
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***Among those who ever smoked 100 cigarettes:***

**How old were you when you first tried smoking cigarettes?**

n = 231

**average:** 15.7 (± 0.6)

***Among those who ever smoked 100 cigarettes:***

**How old were you when you first started smoking cigarettes fairly regularly?**

n = 222

**average:** 18.3 (± 0.6)

\* Estimates based on sample sizes less than 75 omitted

**Among current smokers:**

**What brand of cigarette do you smoke most often?**

n = 97

Camel	10.4%	(± 7.7%)
Marlboro	32.5	(± 10.7)
Other	57.2	(± 11.6)

**Among current smokers:**

**Is this brand menthol?**

n = 93

Yes	24.2%	(± 11.3%)
No	75.8	(± 11.3)

**Among current smokers:**

**Are you currently smoking a brand with lower levels of nicotine or tar?**

n = 92

Yes	57.3%	(± 12.4%)
No	42.7	(± 12.4)

**This next question asks about smokeless tobacco. Have you ever tried using smokeless tobacco, like chew, dip or snuff? IF NEEDED: Such as Copenhagen, Kodiak, Redman or Beechnut**

n = 493

Yes	23.0%	(± 4.5%)
No	77.0	(± 4.5)

**Among those who ever used smokeless tobacco:**

**On how many of the past 30 days did you use smokeless tobacco products?**

n = 92

Zero	85.1%	(± 7.6%)
Less than 30	7.1	(± 5.2)
30 days	7.8	(± 5.9)

**Current smokeless tobacco prevalence:**

n = 494

(any use in the past 30 days among the whole population)	3.4%	(± 1.8%)
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**What about cigar smoking, including large cigars, cigarillos, and little cigars. How many cigars have you smoked in your life?**

n = 491

None	63.7%	(± 4.9%)
One	6.0	(± 2.5)
2-5	10.1	(± 3.1)
6-20	8.1	(± 2.8)
More than 20	12.2	(± 3.5)

**Among those who ever smoked a cigar:**

**On how many of the past 30 days did you smoke a cigar, even just a puff?**

n = 155

Zero	88.9%	(± 5.3%)
Less than 30	11.1	(± 5.3)
30 days	0.0	(± 0.0)

**Current cigar smoking prevalence:**

n = 494

(any use in the past 30 days among the whole population)	4.1%	(± 2.0%)
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<b>Have you ever tried smoking tobacco in a pipe?</b>	n = 294	
Yes	33.3%	(± 6.3%)
No	66.7	(± 6.3)

***Among those who ever smoked a pipe:***

<b>On how many of the past 30 days did you smoke tobacco in a pipe?</b>	n = 83	
Zero	91.6%	(± 6.7%)
Less than 30	5.5	(± 5.5)
30 days	2.9	(± 4.0)

<b>Current pipe smoking prevalence:</b>	n = 494	
(any use in the past 30 days among the whole population)	1.7%	(± 1.4%)

<b>Have you ever tried smoking bidis (BEEDIES)?</b>	n = 286	
Yes	6.8%	(± 3.6%)
No	93.2	(± 3.6)

<b>Current bidi smoking prevalence:</b>	n = 494	
(any use in the past 30 days among the whole population)	0.0%	(± 0.0%)

<b>Have you ever tried smoking clove cigarettes?</b>	n = 293	
Yes	19.0%	(± 5.0%)
No	81.0	(± 5.0)

***Among those who ever smoked cloves:***

<b>On how many of the past 30 days did you use clove cigarettes?</b>	n = 55	
Zero	*	*
Less than 30	*	*
30 days	*	*

<b>Current clove cigarette smoking prevalence:</b>	n = 494	
(any use in the past 30 days among the whole population)	0.7%	(± 0.9%)

<b>Current tobacco use prevalence:</b>	n = 494	
(Currently smokes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, bidis, or cloves OR uses smokeless tobacco among the whole population)	26.4%	(± 4.5%)

***Among current tobacco users:***

<b>About how much do you usually spend on tobacco products every week? IF NEEDED On average, in a typical week</b>	n = 121	
Less than \$5	21.3%	(± 8.1%)
\$5-9	10.4	(± 6.0)
\$10-14	12.7	(± 6.2)
\$15-24	22.6	(± 8.3)
\$25-34	18.0	(± 9.1)
\$35-44	7.2	(± 5.9)
\$45 or more	7.8	(± 6.1)

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***Among current tobacco users:***

**In the past month, did you buy tobacco on a Native American reservation?**

n = 124

Yes	23.1%	(± 8.8%)
No	76.9	(± 8.8)

***Among current and former tobacco users:***

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: People close to me are/were upset by my using tobacco. Do you. . .**

n = 236

Strongly agree	32.9%	(± 6.8%)
Somewhat agree	29.8	(± 6.5)
Somewhat disagree	14.3	(± 5.3)
Or strongly disagree	23.0	(± 6.2)

***Among current tobacco users:***

**Have any of the following health care professionals ever advised you to quit using tobacco. . .**

n = 125

Doctor	66.0%	(± 10.1%)
Dentist	6.4	(± 6.0)
Nurse	1.0	(± 2.0)
None/No other health professional	26.6	(± 9.4)

***Among current smokers who were ever advised:***

**When was the last time a health care professional advised you to quit using tobacco?**

n = 92

Within the past year (1-12 months)	61.5%	(± 11.4%)
Within the past three years (1-3 years)	29.7	(± 11.0)
Or 3 or more years ago	8.7	(± 6.5)

***Among current tobacco users:***

**Would you like to quit using tobacco?**

n = 119

Yes	76.9%	(± 8.7%)
No	23.1	(± 8.7)

***Among current tobacco users:***

**Are you seriously considering quitting tobacco use within the next 6 months?**

n = 118

Yes	69.6%	(± 9.4%)
No	30.4	(± 9.4)

***Among current tobacco users wanting to quit within the next 6 months:***

**Are you planning to stop within the next 30 days?**

n = 74

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

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***Among current tobacco users:***

**Readiness to quit, from the "Stages of Change" model**

n = 106

Precontemplative	36.4%	(± 10.5%)
Contemplative	32.6	(± 9.9)
Preparation	30.9	(± 10.1)

***Among those who are employed for wages (excluding self-employed):***

**Within the past year, has your employer offered any stop-smoking programs or other programs to help employees who want to quit using tobacco?**

n = 74

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

***Among tobacco users with health care:***

**Does your health insurance coverage pay for the cost of any help to quit using tobacco, such as a stop-smoking program or nicotine patches, pills, or other medications?**

n = 105

Yes	28.4%	(± 9.7%)
No	38.3	(± 11.3)
Don't Know/Not sure	33.3	(± 10.3)

***Among tobacco users who have ever quit:***

**How many times in your life have you seriously tried to quit using tobacco?**

n = 121

0	14.4%	(± 6.8%)
1-2	44.2	(± 10.4)
3-5	27.4	(± 8.9)
6 or more	14.0	(± 6.9)

***Among all tobacco users:***

**During the past year, have you not used tobacco for 1 day or longer because you were seriously trying to quit?**

n = 124

Yes	59.8%	(± 9.9%)
No	40.2	(± 9.9)

***Among former tobacco users:***

**About how long has it been since you last used tobacco regularly, that is, daily?**

n = 123

Within the past year (0-12 months ago)	4.6%	(± 3.1%)
Within the past 5 years (1-5 years ago)	15.8	(± 7.0)
Within the past 15 years (5-15 years ago)	29.9	(± 9.3)
Or 15 or more years ago	47.4	(± 9.7)
Never used regularly	2.3	(± 2.9)

**Next I have some questions about you. Remember that your responses are confidential. What is your age?**

n = 494

18-29	20.3%	(± 4.3%)
30-49	43.5	(± 4.9)
50+	36.3	(± 4.7)

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**What is your race or ethnicity? Would you say. . .(First answer)**

n = 487

White	87.2%	(± 3.6%)
Black	4.7	(± 2.0)
Asian, Pacific Islander	3.5	(± 2.4)
American Indian, Alaska Native	1.7	(± 1.5)
Hispanic, Latino	1.9	(± 1.3)
Or something else (SPECIFY:)	1.1	(± 1.0)

**Are you. . .**

n = 491

Married	62.9%	(± 4.8%)
Divorced	12.1	(± 2.8)
Widowed	5.2	(± 1.7)
Separated	1.1	(± 1.0)
Never been married	16.1	(± 4.1)
Or a member of unmarried couple	2.5	(± 1.5)

**How many children under the age of 18 live in your household?**

n = 494

None	59.8%	(± 4.9%)
1	14.5	(± 3.5)
2	17.5	(± 4.0)
3 or more	8.2	(± 2.7)

**What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?**

n = 493

Some high school or less	9.6%	(± 3.4%)
Grade 12 (high school graduate or GED)	26.6	(± 4.4)
College 1-3 years (some college, technical school, community college AA)	35.8	(± 4.7)
College graduate (4 years) or beyond college	28.0	(± 4.3)

***Among those who are employed for wages (excluding self-employed):*****How many people are employed where you work? IF NEEDED: Facilities that share your same street address**

n = 257

Less than 5	7.1%	(± 3.6%)
Between 5 and 9	9.7	(± 3.9)
Between 10 and 19	7.7	(± 3.3)
Between 20 and 99	26.7	(± 6.0)
Or 100 or more	48.8	(± 6.9)

***Among those who are employed for wages (excluding self-employed):*****When you are at work, do you spend most of your time in an. . .**

n = 259

Office	56.9%	(± 6.9%)
Store	8.7	(± 3.9)
Restaurant	2.7	(± 2.2)
Warehouse or factory	8.4	(± 4.6)
Home	2.9	(± 2.4)
Outdoors	9.5	(± 4.3)
Car or truck	6.3	(± 3.3)
Or somewhere else (SPECIFY:)	4.7	(± 3.2)

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**Annual household income from all sources... IF NEEDED: Annual household income before taxes.**

n = 426

\$20,000 or less	11.9%	(± 3.1%)
\$20,000 to less than \$50,000	45.4	(± 5.2)
\$75,000 or more	42.7	(± 5.3)

**Are you currently registered to vote?**

n = 494

Yes	83.4%	(± 3.7%)
No	16.6	(± 3.7)

**Gender**

n = 494

Male	46.4%	(± 5.0%)
Female	53.6	(± 5.0)

**The next questions are about secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke is smoke from someone else's cigarette, cigar or pipe. In general, would you say that breathing secondhand smoke is. . .**

n = 489

Not at all annoying to you	10.3%	(± 3.0%)
Somewhat annoying to you	25.0	(± 4.3)
Or very annoying to you	64.7	(± 4.7)

**Would you say that breathing secondhand smoke is. . .**

n = 470

Very harmful	68.6%	(± 4.7%)
Somewhat harmful	29.0	(± 4.6)
Not very harmful	2.0	(± 1.4)
Or not harmful at all	0.4	(± 0.4)

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: All people should be protected from secondhand smoke. Do you. . .**

n = 483

Strongly agree	64.0%	(± 4.8%)
Somewhat agree	26.1	(± 4.4)
Somewhat disagree	6.9	(± 2.4)
Or strongly disagree	3.1	(± 1.5)

**What about this statement: ALL CHILDREN should be protected from secondhand smoke. Do you. . .**

n = 490

Strongly agree	87.0%	(± 3.3%)
Somewhat agree	9.5	(± 3.0)
Somewhat disagree	2.5	(± 1.4)
Or strongly disagree	0.9	(± 0.9)

**Here is another statement: A pregnant woman could hurt her baby if she smokes. Do you. . .**

n = 482

Strongly agree	87.0%	(± 3.3%)
Somewhat agree	10.8	(± 3.1)
Somewhat disagree	1.2	(± 0.9)
Or strongly disagree	1.1	(± 0.9)

\* Estimates based on sample sizes less than 75 omitted



**Which one of the following statements best describes the rules about smoking in your home. . .**

n = 491

No one is allowed to smoke anywhere inside your home	78.8%	(± 4.0%)
Smoking is allowed in some places at some times	12.5	(± 3.3)
Or smoking is permitted anywhere inside your home	8.6	(± 2.8)

**Is there anyone, besides you, living in your household who smokes cigarettes, cigars, or pipes?**

n = 494

Yes	26.2%	(± 4.7%)
No	73.8	(± 4.7)

**On how many of the past 30 days has someone, including you, smoked cigarettes, cigars, or pipes anywhere inside your home?**

n = 491

0 days	81.8%	(± 3.9%)
1-29 days	7.4	(± 2.5)
30 days	10.9	(± 3.2)

**If it were just up to you, would you let people smoke inside your home?**

n = 489

Yes	13.5%	(± 3.4%)
No	86.5	(± 3.4)

***Among those who are employed for wages (excluding self-employed):***

**The next questions are about secondhand smoke in your work place. Does your workplace have official rules that restrict smoking in any way?**

n = 257

Yes	91.2%	(± 3.7%)
No	8.8	(± 3.7)

***Among those employed where there are smoking rules:***

**Which of the following best describes your employer's smoking rules?**

n = 232

Not allowed anywhere	56.0%	(± 7.3%)
Not allowed in indoor areas, but allowed in some public or common areas, such as luchrooms, or employee lounges	40.5	(± 7.2)
Or allowed in some or all indoor areas	3.5	(± 2.7)

***Among those who are employed for wages (excluding self-employed):***

**In a typical week, about how many hours would you say you are in a room with cigarette smoke while at work including your own smoking if you smoke, and including a car, if you work from your car.**

n = 256

Less than one hour	90.8%	(± 3.7%)
1-10 hours	7.6	(± 3.4)
More than 10 hours	1.5	(± 1.6)

***Among current smokers who are employed for wages (excluding self-employed):***

**On the days you smoke, how many cigarettes per day on average do you smoke at work?**

n = 65

average: \* \*

\* Estimates based on sample sizes less than 75 omitted

**These next questions ask your opinion on smoking in restaurants and bars. Do you think that smoking should be completely banned in restaurants?**

n = 493

Yes	63.1%	(± 4.8%)
No	35.2	(± 4.7)
Don't know/Not sure	1.8	(± 1.2)

**If there were a total ban on smoking in restaurants, do you think you would eat out more often, less often, or would it make no difference?**

n = 487

More often	18.7%	(± 4.1%)
Less often	5.5	(± 2.2)
Make no difference	75.8	(± 4.4)

**Do you think that smoking should be completely banned in bars and lounges?**

n = 494

Yes	29.3%	(± 4.4%)
No	63.6	(± 4.7)
Don't know/Not sure	7.1	(± 2.4)

**If there were a total ban on smoking in bars, do you think you would go to bars more often, less often, or would it make no difference?**

n = 491

More often	12.6%	(± 3.2%)
Less often	8.5	(± 2.8)
Make no difference	78.9	(± 4.0)

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement: Laws banning possession of tobacco products by minors (children under 18) have been enforced. Do you. . .**

n = 492

Strongly agree	16.6%	(± 3.5%)
Somewhat agree	30.0	(± 4.7)
Somewhat disagree	15.9	(± 3.6)
Or strongly disagree	31.9	(± 4.6)
Don't know/Not sure	5.7	(± 2.1)

**Here is another statement: The city or town where I live has enough rules and laws to protect nonsmokers from secondhand tobacco smoking. Do you. . .**

n = 494

Strongly agree	20.0%	(± 3.8%)
Somewhat agree	37.2	(± 4.8)
Somewhat disagree	15.3	(± 3.7)
Or strongly disagree	17.6	(± 3.8)
Don't know/Not sure	9.9	(± 2.8)

**Generally speaking, how often do you see young people -- those under age 18 smoking in your community? Would you say daily, or less often?**

n = 482

Daily or almost daily	60.9%	(± 4.8%)
Couple of times per week	16.6	(± 3.6)
2-4 times per month	11.6	(± 3.2)
Once a month or less	7.1	(± 2.5)
Never	3.7	(± 1.7)

\* Estimates based on sample sizes less than 75 omitted

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement: Schools in my community are doing enough to prevent youth from using tobacco and helping them quit. Do you. . .**

n = 494

Strongly agree	15.5%	(± 3.4%)
Somewhat agree	23.8	(± 4.2)
Somewhat disagree	15.2	(± 3.7)
Or strongly disagree	22.6	(± 4.2)
Don't know/Not sure	23.0	(± 4.1)

**During the past year, did you, yourself, ever buy or give someone under the age of 18 tobacco products including cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, or cigars?**

n = 493

Yes	2.4%	(± 1.6%)
No	97.6	(± 1.6)

**Here is another statement: There are so many things that cause cancer, tobacco use is not going to make any difference. Do you. . .**

n = 481

Strongly agree	8.0%	(± 2.8%)
Somewhat agree	6.8	(± 2.8)
Somewhat disagree	8.7	(± 2.8)
Or strongly disagree	76.6	(± 4.4)

**How do you feel about this statement: Tobacco companies should have the same rights to advertise their products as other companies. Do you. . .**

n = 480

Strongly agree	16.8%	(± 3.8%)
Somewhat agree	21.3	(± 4.0)
Somewhat disagree	8.4	(± 2.7)
Or strongly disagree	53.5	(± 5.0)

**Some tobacco companies make promotional items like clothing, hats, bags or other things with their brand on it. Would you ever use or wear something that has a tobacco company logo or picture on it?**

n = 488

Yes	19.3%	(± 4.0%)
No	80.7	(± 4.0)

**During the past year, have you received a free sample or coupon for a free sample of cigarettes or other tobacco products?**

n = 486

Yes	19.3%	(± 3.9%)
No	80.7	(± 3.9)

**Some communities have organizations that specifically work on tobacco prevention activities. To your knowledge, has there been a local anti-tobacco or anti-smoking organization working in your community over the past few years?**

n = 494

Yes	12.0%	(± 3.1%)
No	63.9	(± 4.7)
Don't know/not sure	24.1	(± 4.1)

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***Among households with children 10-17 years of age:***

**Have you told your child specifically that you do not want him or her to use tobacco?**

n = 112

Yes

93.2% (± 5.2%)

No

6.8 (± 5.2)

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